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## *Information Item*

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**VIA: DAVID R. GARCIA, CITY MANAGER**

**FROM: SCOTT TULLOCH, CITY ENGINEER**

**DATE: AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2007**

**SUBJECT: ROAD CLOSURE OF EAST PALOMAR STREET BETWEEN VIEW PARK WAY AND MAGDALENA AVENUE FOR VARIOUS WEEKDAYS AS NEEDED BETWEEN AUGUST 8, 2007 AND OCTOBER 31, 2007 (FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS FOR FUTURE MIX-USE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING ANGLE PARKING AND NEW TRANSIT FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPLETION OF OTAY RANCH VILLAGE 6, TRACT NO. 05-09.**

On July 19, 2007, HTA Engineering & Construction Inc., a General Engineering Contractor, submitted a request for the planned closure of East Palomar Street between View Park Way and Magdalena Avenue for various weekdays as needed between Wednesday, August 8, 2007, and Wednesday October 31, 2007 (from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.). The proposed closures are to accommodate the construction of surface improvements for future mix-use developments including angle parking and new transit facilities associated with the completion of Otay Ranch Village 6, Tract No. 05-09. If approved, the closures would expedite the completion of these improvements and minimize the overall inconvenience to motorists and residents. East Palomar Street will be opened each day at 3:30 p.m. to allow for traffic flow during the evening peak hour commutes.

The contractor is planning on completing only the work during these daytime closure periods that require the entire closure, (concrete structures that reach completely across the roadway) but not implement these closures for the entire period. Most of the work on this project can, and will, be constructed while maintaining at least limited traffic through the construction zone. Notification signs will be erected for the closures one week in advance of each proposed closure.

The proposed closure of East Palomar Street is similar to that used by the Otay Ranch Company to successfully construct other major subdivision improvements in the past.

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Staff believes that the limited duration of the weekday closures will have minimal impact on the neighborhoods that are already occupied in the immediate area. The exact days and hours of these closures cannot be specifically identified at this time, but will be strategically scheduled so there will be as little impact as possible to school area traffic and the early morning commuter traffic on East Palomar Street on weekdays.

During the closure period, traffic will be detoured as follows:

**East Palomar Street:** Traffic will be detoured around the work area using View Park Way, Sutter Buttes Street, Magdalena Avenue, Oakpoint Avenue and Santa Venetia Street (see attached map).

Chula Vista Transit and all emergency services will be adequately noticed and accommodated during the closure period.

Finally, the Traffic Engineering Section has reviewed and conceptually approved the closure and detour plans.

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the City Council of said closure in accordance with Council Policy No. 576-15, which requires that Council be notified in advance of a request to close a street for major construction work.

If Council has no objections to the proposed street closures at the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 7, staff will proceed with the closures as described above.

Attachments

JRN/dmw

c: Liz Pursell, Public Information Officer  
Rick Emerson, Chief of Police  
Doug Perry, Fire Chief  
Dave Byers, Director of Public Works Operations  
Police and Fire Dispatch

